

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish
253 Cabot Street ~ Beverly, Massachusetts

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — *LAETARE SUNDAY*



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 539—“Sing Praise to The Lord”

READ: 801 (800 @ 10:30)

OFF: 426—“By the Babylonian Rivers”
(@ 10:30)

MASS: (Handout @ 10:30)

COMM: 414—“Attende Domine”

REC: 493—“Rejoice the Lord Is King”

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Rectory Telephone Number: 978-922-0113

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Website: www.stmarystar.org

St. Mary Star of the Sea School Website: www.stmarystarschool.org

Principal, St. Mary's School

Pre K through 8th Grade

Mr. Kevin Cushman—978-927-3259

Director RCIA

Mr. Neil Yetts—978-922-0113

Director of Maintenance

Mr. James Weston—978-922-0113

Parish Secretary

Ms. Nina Sudak—978-922-0113

St. Mary's School, Development Director

Mrs. Anna Bertini—978-998-6848

Administrator, Religious Education

Mrs. Christine O'Brien - 978-922-0799

Organist/Choirmaster

Mr. Frederick MacArthur – 978-609-4302

Business Manager

Mrs. Diane Macedo—978-922-0113

Baptism

Celebration on the Third Sunday of the Month

Baptismal Catechesis Required for First Time Parents ~~ Third Monday of the Month at Rectory

Marriage

Engaged couples are advised to call the Rectory at least six months prior to their wedding date.

Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is required.

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Saturday 7:00 AM (Except Thursday's)

Saturday 4:00 PM ~~ Sunday / 8:15 AM / 10:30 AM / 5:00 PM

Holy Day Masses

See Parish Calendar for Mass Times

Confessions

Saturday ~~ 2:30 PM ~~ 3:15 PM Lower Church, or by Appointment

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 22 ~

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—*Laetare Sunday*

Chr 36:14-16,19-23 / Ps 137:1-6 / Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 23 ~

Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a13b / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24 ~

Ez 47:1-9,12 / Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25 ~

Is 7:10-14;8:10 / Ps 40:7-11 / Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26 ~

Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106:19-23 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 27 ~

Wis 2:1a,12-22 / Ps 34:17-21,23 / Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 28 ~

Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3,9b-12 / Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29 ~

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31:31-34 / Ps 51:3-4,12-15 / Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

LEGION OF MARY

Is a world-wide organization of Catholics, men and women, who offer their services to the Church to aid her in performing spiritual works in the parish. This is done by placing themselves under the banner of Mary so that with her help they may develop greater holiness in their own lives as well as spread a deeper devotion to her among others.

The Legion of Mary meets at St. Mary's Rectory, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion—Lower Church
- 9:15 AM RCIA
- 9:20 AM Religious Education—K-6
St. Mary's School
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church

MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Confirmation—St. Mary's School

WEDNESDAY

- 3:30 PM Religious Education—Grds.1-6
St. Mary's School
- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

THURSDAY

- 6:15 PM Confessions—Lower Church
- 7:00 PM Mass—Lower Church

FRIDAY

- 9:00 AM Rosary Group—Rectory
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Main Church

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 23:

Theresa J. D'Allesandro

Tuesday, March 24:

Charles H. Senior

Wednesday, March 25:

David Pelletier

Friday, March 27:

Congley Family

Saturday, March 28:

Luigi Zelano

Months Mind Mass

10:30AM Sunday, March 29:

Janice M. Ostrowski

PRAYERS

Kindly remember in your prayers the intentions in our PARISH PRAYER BOOK, the deceased members of our parish, all who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them.

WEEKLY NEED:
\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:
\$8,018.00

PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:
\$1,149.50

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Theresa J. D'Allesandro

Banns of



We congratulate the following couple who will soon be married and assure them the Marriage prayers of our Parish Family.

I—Patrick O'Connor & Stephanie Mahoney

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY EVENINGS 7:00 PM

The Stations of the Cross are to help the faithful make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. It has become one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics.

Lord Jesus Christ, take me along that holy way you once took to your death, take my mind, my memory, above all my reluctant heart, and let me see what once you did for love of me and all the world.

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY MAY 3, 2009

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF: REVEREND LOUIS BOURGEOIS

10:15AM CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
LUNCHEON RECEPTION AT:
DANVERSPORT YACHT CLUB

FOR TICKET INFORMATION CONTACT:
EILEEN LARKIN AT 978-468-2337
stpaulsparish@comcast.net

SATURDAY MORNING ~ MEN'S GROUP

St. Mary's Men's Group meets at 8:00 AM Saturday mornings in the Lower Church. Coffee and refreshments are provided, with talks on selected topics by members. Any questions or topic ideas please call: Ferde Rombola at 978-922-8502.

Saturday, March 21 ~ Brother Lawrence, Practicing the Presence of God
Speaker: Doug MacDougal

Saturday, March 28 ~ St. Paul
Speaker: Ferde Rombola

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL ALUMNAE REUNION MASS/BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009
 MASS AT 10:30AM—BRUNCH 12:30PM

DANVERSPORT YACHT CLUB
 161 ELLIOTT STREET—DANVERS, MA

This year, we will honor the Class of 1959 who will be celebrating their 50th reunion!

The cost is \$26.00 per person. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Alumnae and mail it no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2009 to:

**ST. MARY'S ALUMNAE
 c/o JEAN CUMMINGS
 20 BELMONT STREET, BEVERLY**

**EASTER SCHEDULE
 THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

HOLY THURSDAY:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY:

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY:

Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY:

The Resurrection of The Lord
 8:15 AM / 10:30 AM
No 5:00 PM Mass

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK
 CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

North Shore's 30th Annual Good Friday Walk
 Friday, April 10, 2009

This year funds are needed more than every and any walker who raises at least \$20.00 will be given a 30th anniversary commemorative tee shirt.

The 11 mile walk will star at St. John the Evangelist School at 525 Cabot Street and proceed to the Baptist Church in downtown Beverly, then continue on the Church in the Cove and St. Margaret's Church in Beverly Farms, and return on the same route. Lunch for all walkers will be served at St. Margaret's Church in the cafeteria.

The Good Friday Walk, Inc. served over 300 needy North Shore families in 2008 helping them with rent and utilities. Close to 450 walkers participated in last year's event. Help us do it again on:

Friday, April 10.

Both walkers and volunteers are needed. Walkers can obtain sponsor sheets by visiting: www.goodfridaywalk.org or by calling Alice Battistellis at 978-927-7764.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Important Dates:

- April 4** **Second Grade Workshop**
 9:30-12:00PM
- April 28** **Confirmation**
 7:00PM
- May 2 & 3** **First Communions**

CATHOLIC APPEAL

We want to thank everyone from St. Mary Star of the Sea parish who has participated in the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$7,664 from 54 households. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters.

Thank You.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS ~ “A Spirited, Faith-filled Community”

GRADE 4 TEACHES US ABOUT LENT: Mrs. Boudreault’s 4th graders:

John Ryan: Lent is a time to remember that we are people of prayer
Everyone should give up something
Never use something you gave up during Lent
Try your best to be good during this season

Caroline Collins: Lent is when we prepare for Jesus’ death and resurrection
Everyday for 40 days we give up something that we love
Never use or eat what you gave up during that sad time
Time for Easter after 40 days of sorrow

Dante Egizi: Lent is the time to suffer just like Jesus did when he died
Everyone should give up and or do something special
Not everyone, but many people give money during Lent
Though you are giving things up, you shall always be happy

SPANISH TEACHER – St. Mary’s School is looking for a part-time Spanish teacher for Middle School, grades 6 – 8. Please contact Principal, Mr. Kevin Cushman, for further details, at 978 927-3259.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK – **Conor Hilfinger ’06**, student representative for the Good Friday Walk, returned to his alma mater, St. Mary Star of the Sea School, to address the SMS Student Council. He encouraged our students to participate in the Walk, and noted that the money raised last year (93%) went to 284 North Shore families in need, and the remainder went to aid the poor in 3rd world countries. This year’s 11-mile walk will take place on Friday, April 10th. Please call 978 998-6848 to help sponsor one of our students who will participate in this year’s Good Friday Walk.

SMS ALUMNI: We are looking for St. Mary School Alumni who attended class with **Bishop Richard J. Malone, Class of ‘60**. If you are, or know someone who is, a 1960 SMS Alum, please contact the Development Office at 978 998-6848. We are looking for photos, stories, etc. to share at our Gala celebration. **Be sure to visit our website at www.stmarystarschool.org.**

ST. MARY’S LEGACY GALA - Whether you are an alumni, parent, grandparent, former faculty, friend, or parishioner, we want you to be a part of this wonderful celebration. Please join us on Sunday, March 29th at 4:00 PM at Danversport Yacht Club for an elegant evening as we recognize the following **Honorees:**

The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone ‘60
Janice ‘54 and Vito Bucco
Christine O’Brien P’91, P’92, P’95

SMS Young Alumni Award Recipients:
Paige Baxter ‘05 – Class Pres. North Shore Tech ‘09
Kevin Butler ‘05 – Class Pres. Essex-Manchester High ‘09
Patrick Lane ‘05 – Student Body Pres. St. John’s Prep ‘09
Robert McPherson ‘05 – Class Pres. Beverly High ‘09

Come join us as we pay tribute to these outstanding individuals who have made a difference in our parish, school and community. We will enjoy an evening of fun and friendship, celebrate the legacy of our School and Parish Community, socialize at Cocktail Hour, and enjoy a full course dinner with harp accompaniment.

____ Yes, I (we) will attend the Legacy Gala
I would like to purchase ____ tickets to the Gala at \$65 each. Enclosed is \$ ____
Check payable to: St. Mary Star of the Sea School OR
____ MC ____ VISA Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____
Name on Card: _____
Names attending: _____

Please seat me with: _____
Dinner choice: ____ Roast Beef ____ Seafood Casserole

____ No, I cannot attend but would like to help. Please make checks payable to St. Mary’s School
Kindly note, tickets will not be issued. Please reply ASAP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, I want to share with you some scattered thoughts regarding a host of topics.

- ◆ On Easter Sunday, there are only two Masses. 8:15 and 10:30. I highly recommend, if possible, that you come to the Easter Vigil which begins at 8:00pm on Saturday evening. It is a beautiful Mass and is the highpoint of the Church's year. If you are planning on coming at 8:15 or 10:30, I am giving you fair warning. Arrive very early! I would say that you want to be here at least 30 minutes ahead of time.
- ◆ There is Mass at 7pm on Holy Thursday and the Good Friday services are 3pm and 7pm. Obviously, every Catholic should be making every effort to attend church on both of those days.
- ◆ Before Easter, every Catholic should go to confession. We have confessions every Saturday from 2:30-3:15 and on Thursdays during Lent from 6:15-6:45pm. Please do not wait until Holy Week. In the past, we had more than one priest here and there was the possibility of having more time during Holy Week for confessions. I will do the best I can, but you could help me out by coming now to confession rather than later.
- ◆ I thank those parishioners who have already pledged to the Catholic Appeal. I ask that those who have not yet done so to please make a pledge soon. We really need to meet the goal set for us by the Archdiocese.
- ◆ As you may be aware, the collection taken up on Christmas and Easter goes to what is called the Clergy Fund. This fund is what is used for the medical care of priests and for the retirement funds for priests. This past Christmas, the Archdiocese saw a 5% increase in those donations from all of its parishes. Unfortunately, our parish saw a 4% decrease. I am told that as things stand now these funds are at the point of becoming insolvent within the next couple of years. There is an effort being made to make these funds once again secure. At the rate things are going, I will be 98 before I will be allowed to retire, so I'm not too worried about that. But, it is important that we take care of our priests' health needs. I ask you this year to be generous in the Easter Collection. I'm sure most of you are generous. Maybe I will make a special push for the people who only come twice a year to think about doubling their donation to two dollars this year instead of one.
- ◆ God loves all human life. Abortion is the direct killing of an innocent human life created in the image and likeness of God. An elected official who advocates for the broadening of abortion rights is advocating for the direct killing of innocent human life—life made in the image and likeness of God. While I find it almost impossible to comprehend, I still meet Catholics who deceive themselves into thinking that as long as a politician belongs to my political party, his or her position on abortion is of no great consequence. Explain that to the innocent life, created in the image and likeness of God that will be killed. Am I talking about this a lot recently? Yes. Why? The pro-abortion agenda is demonic and deserves strong condemnation. I remember writing to a local Catholic politician a couple of years ago whose name was listed in a place of honor on the Planned Parenthood website. I told that politician that the very fact that Planned Parenthood is honoring you should scare you right out of office. I wonder, if Catholics really loved these politicians, wouldn't they vote against them? Because, when a politician supports abortion, he places his soul in grave danger of damnation. If we truly loved that politician, wouldn't we vote against him to save him from being put in that position?

I know that when I talk about these issues, I upset people. I can assure you that my intention is not to upset anybody. But, this is a life and death issue—literally. I think we all want to make certain that we find ourselves on the side of Good and not of Evil.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

